

Looking under the Lamp Post:

Finding New Physics in SM Measurements



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Overview

Introduction

How do you **define a SM measurement?**

How will this definition evolve @ 100 TeV?

A Working Definition:

You produce something that

(1) you know exists,

(2) directly,

and then you study it, usually

(3) in great detail

(3) follows from cross sections usually being huge (high statistics = precision), which is usually due to (1)

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So various SM production processes of

jets

leptons

bottoms

tops

W, Z

higgs

in various combinations will fall under the auspice of some future “SM group”, including many processes which today we’d call VERY RARE.

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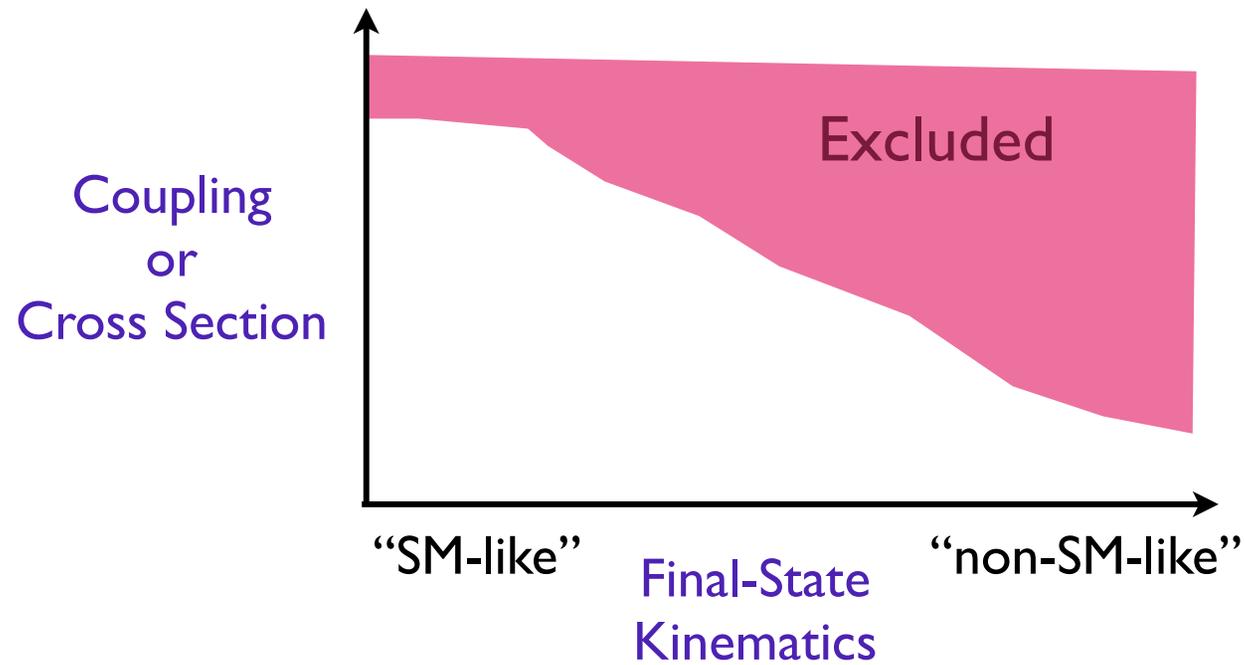
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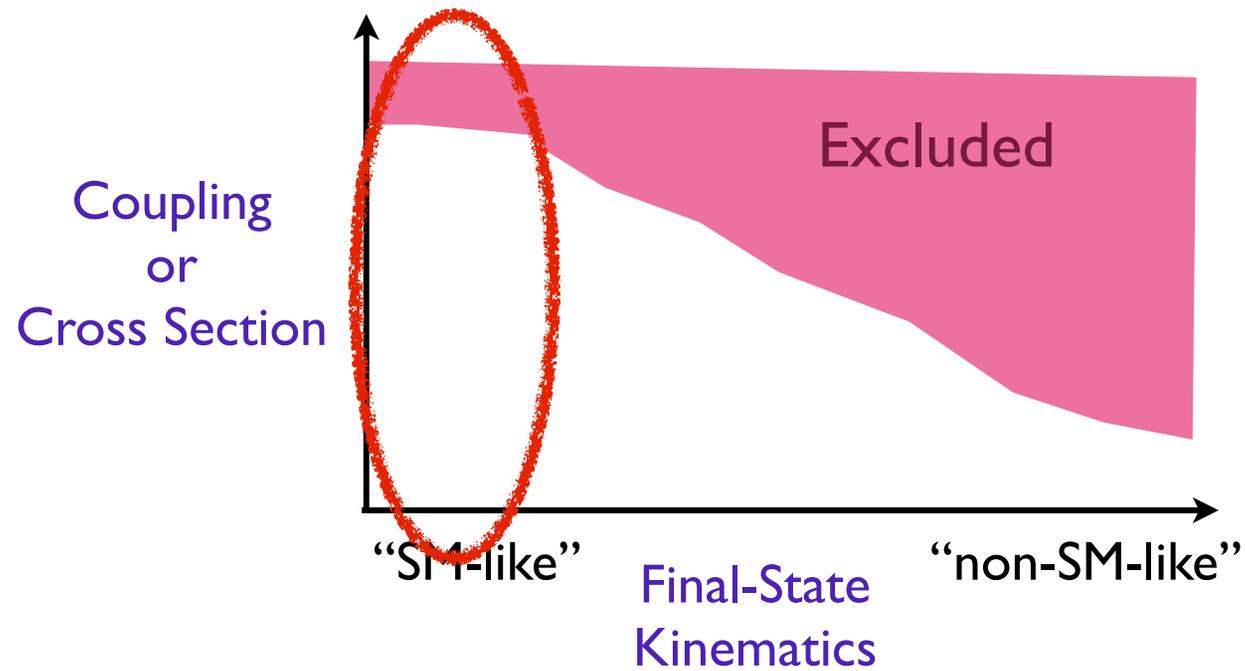
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How useful is this SM-measurement vs BSM-search separation?

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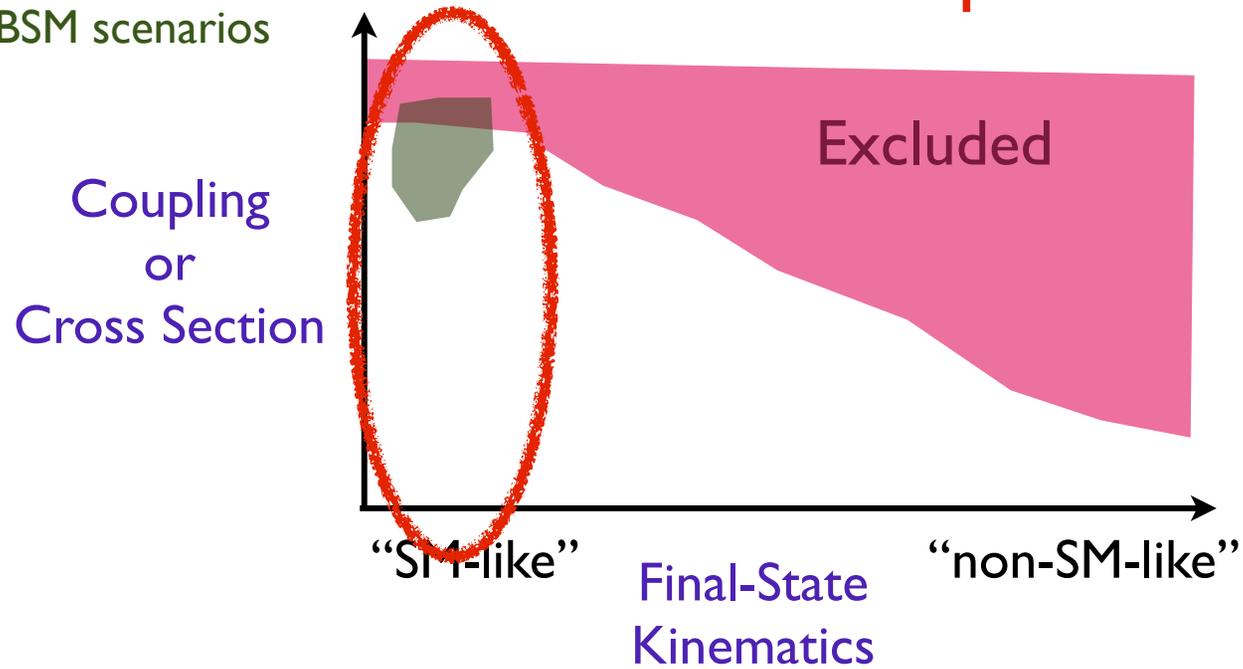
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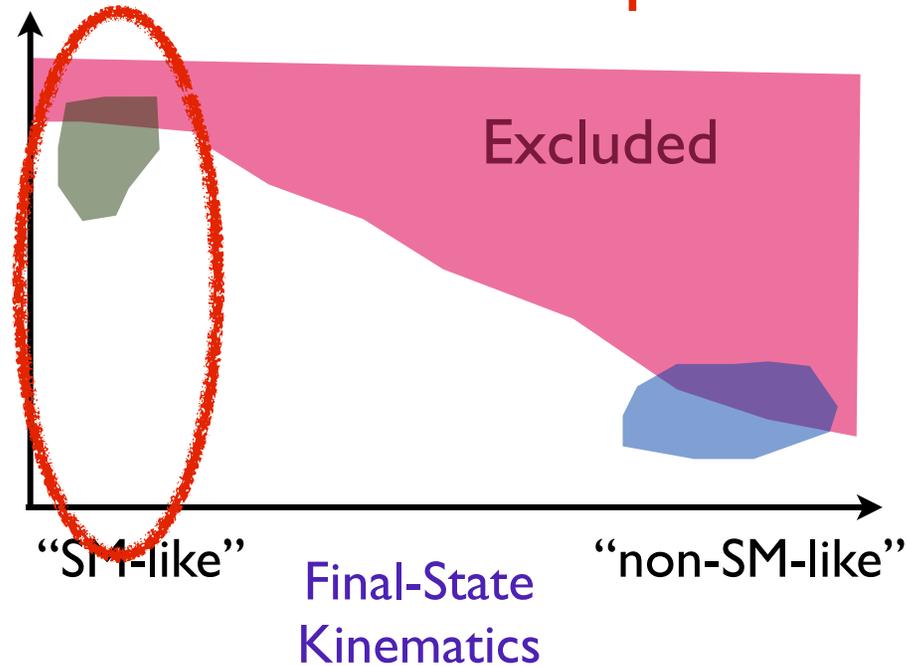


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Coupling or Cross Section

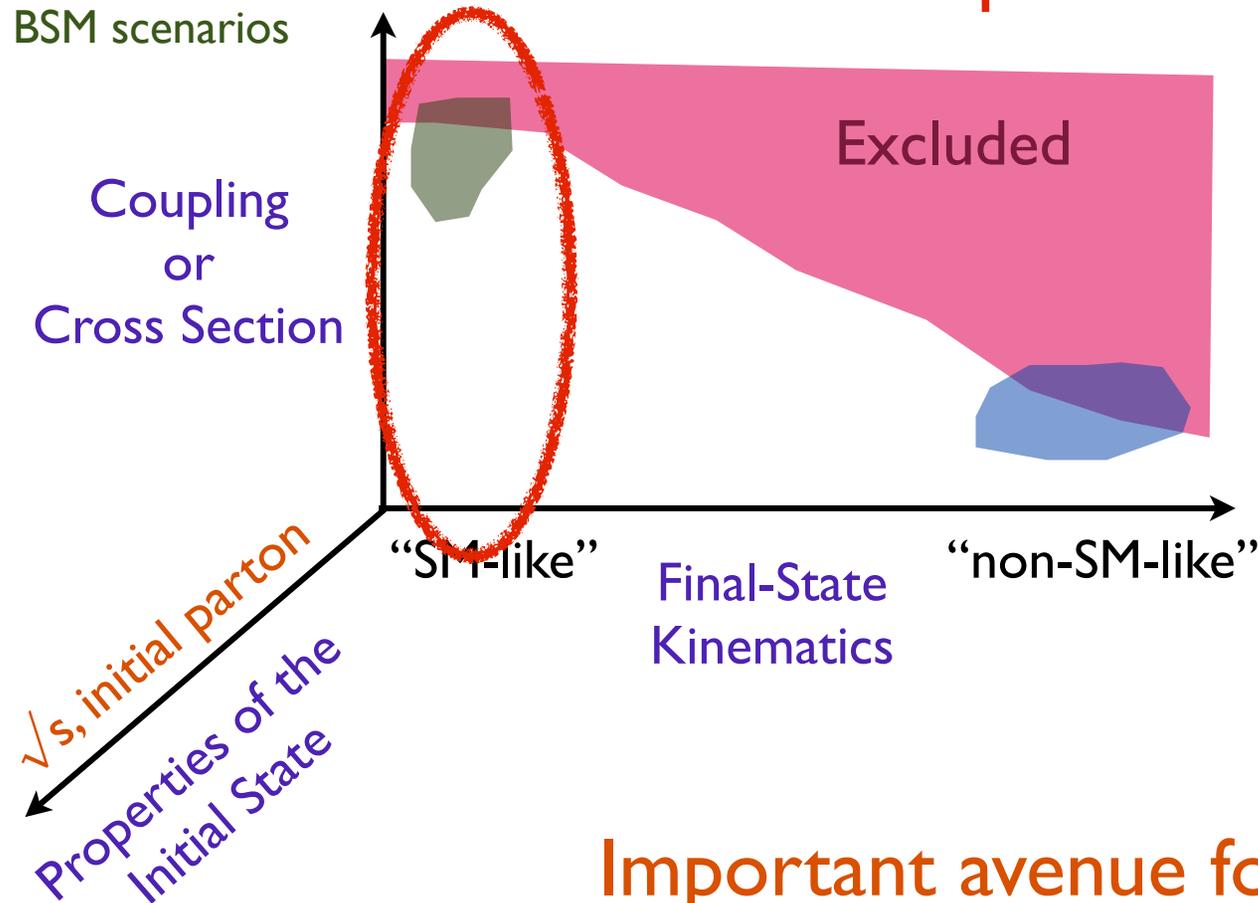


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Important avenue for future measurements

Recent Examples of Looking Under the Lamp Post



Dibosons

BSM in Dibosons

- It has long been appreciated that e.g. SUSY could show up in WW/ZZ cross section measurements (or $H \rightarrow VV^*$) via e.g. sleptons or leptonically decaying EWinos.

Basically anything decaying to $4l$ or $2l$ + a bit of MET

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Feigl, Rzehak, Zeppenfeld | 205.3468

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Rolbiecki, Sakurai | 303.5696

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Kim, Rolbiecki, Sakurai, Tattersall | 406.0858

- **Important aside:** the artificial separation of SM-measurements vs BSM-search & inherent assumptions could lead to us doing NEITHER correctly. e.g. BSM contamination of $H \rightarrow WW^*$ control region, which could lead to incorrect higgs signal strength measurements.

Data-driven methods must be applied with great care!

WW Cross Section

- Especially interesting right now: all leptonic σ_{WW} measurements at 7 & 8 TeV are $\sim 15\text{-}20\%$ high, > 3 sigma combined significance
- ATLAS + CMS 7 TeV & CMS 8 TeV 3.5 fb^{-1} analyses were tantalizing but had some MC issues.
- 20% Excess has been confirmed by recent, improved ATLAS 8 TeV 20 fb^{-1} analysis, which observed $\sigma_{WW} = 71.4 \pm 9 \text{ pb}$ vs expected $58.7 \pm 3 \text{ pb}$ (2.2 sigma excess by itself) and raises overall discrepancy (naive combination) to almost 4 sigma.

WW Cross Section

- Most credible SM explanation is unaccounted-for resummation effects on the jet p_T distribution of inclusive WW production, which affects the exclusive zero-jet WW cross section prediction.

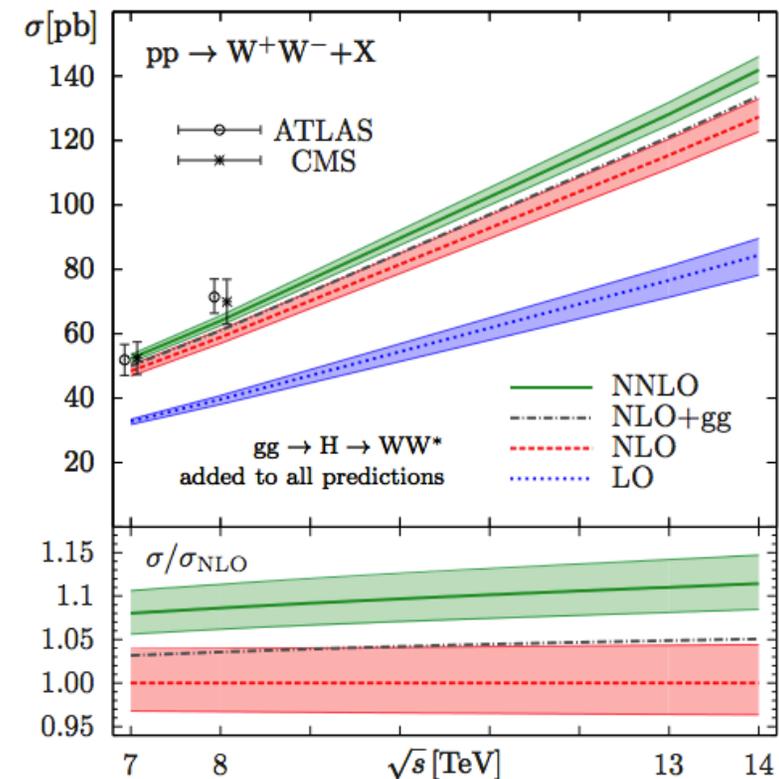
Two calculations recently attempted to address this **jet veto uncertainty**. There is some disagreement between the results -- **watch this space!**

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- There was also a very recent update on NNLO calculation of σ_{WW} .
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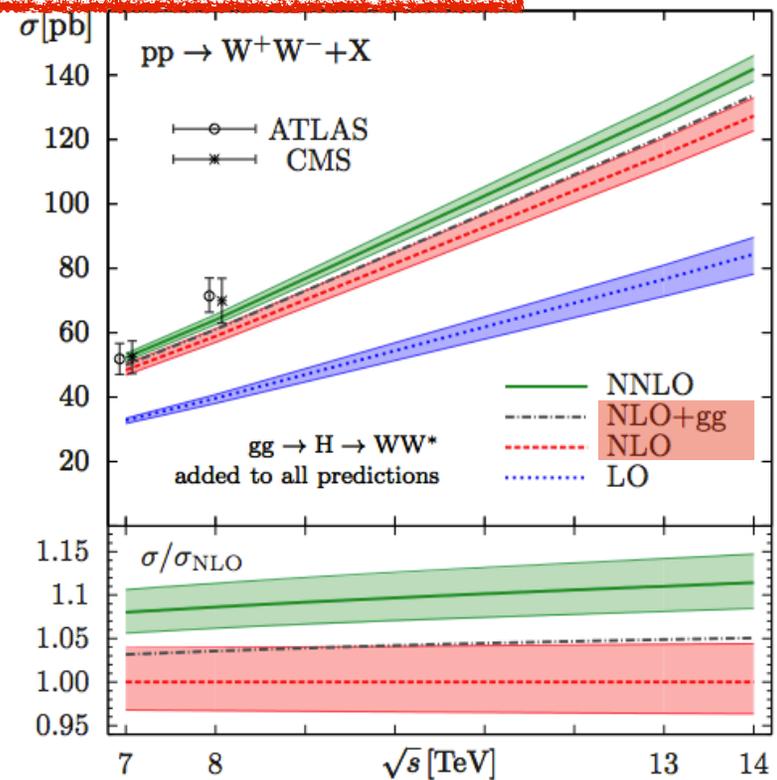
Experimental Analyses actually use NLO+gg, so the NNLO calculation may only account for ~5% of 20% excess? Unclear... (??)

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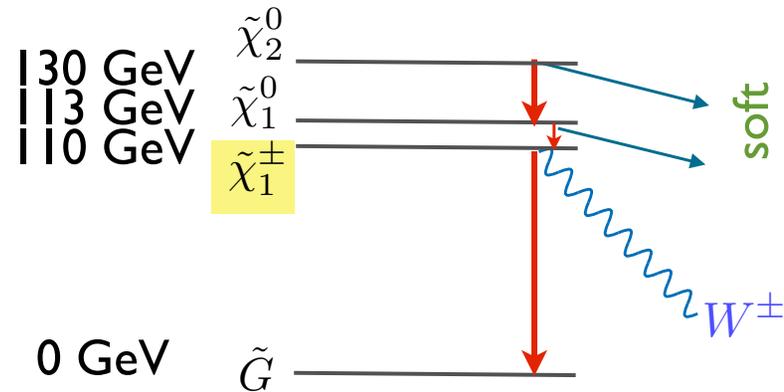
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WW Cross Section

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Direct Production of EWinos in GMSB

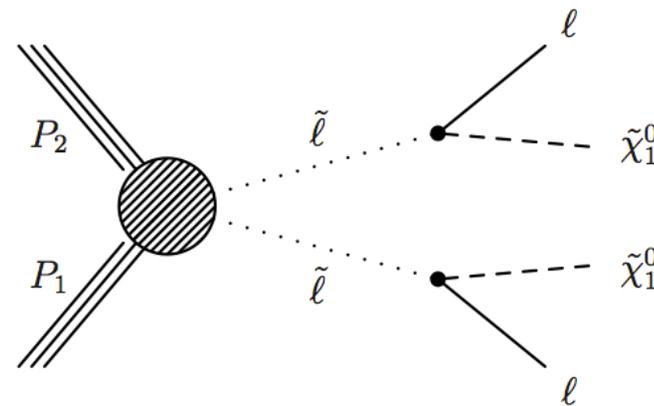


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Sleptons

Can also give thermal Bino and explain $(g-2)_\mu$

Somewhat disfavored by recent ATLAS8 analysis.



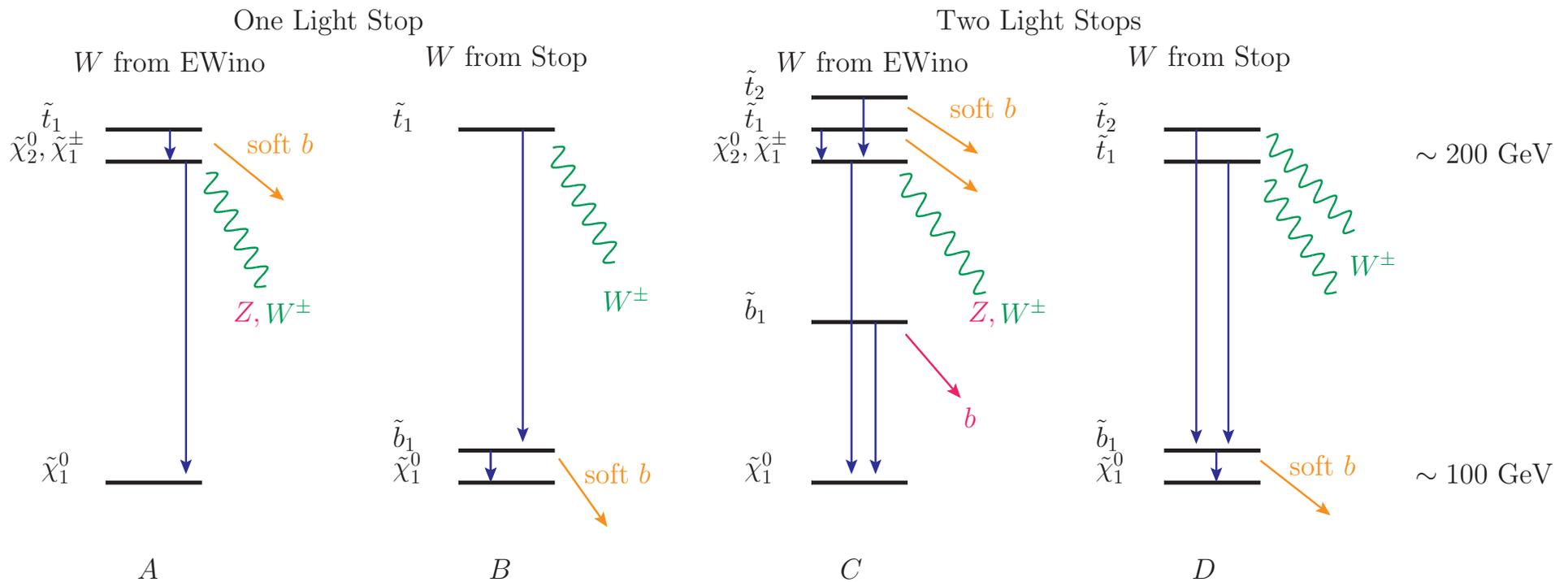
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Natural Stops!

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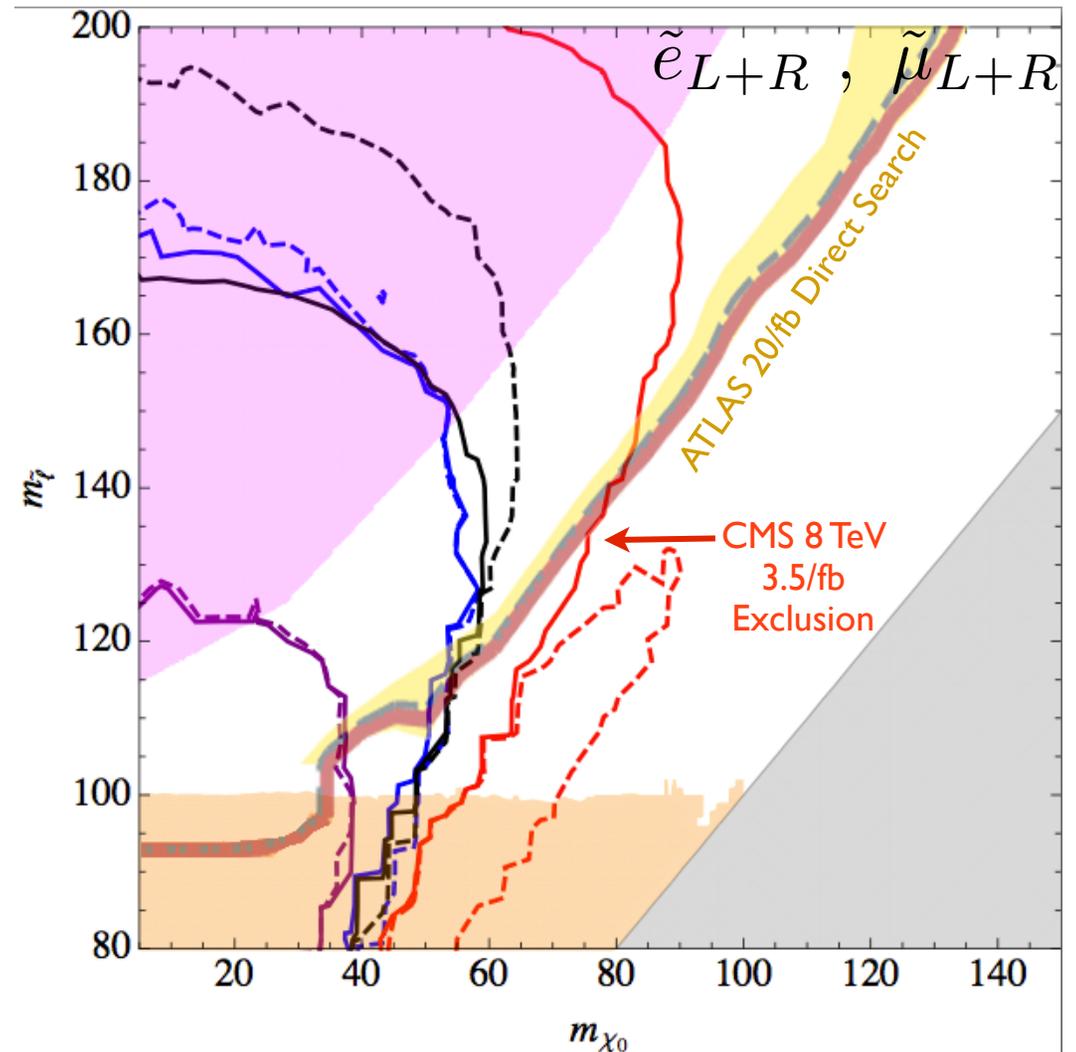
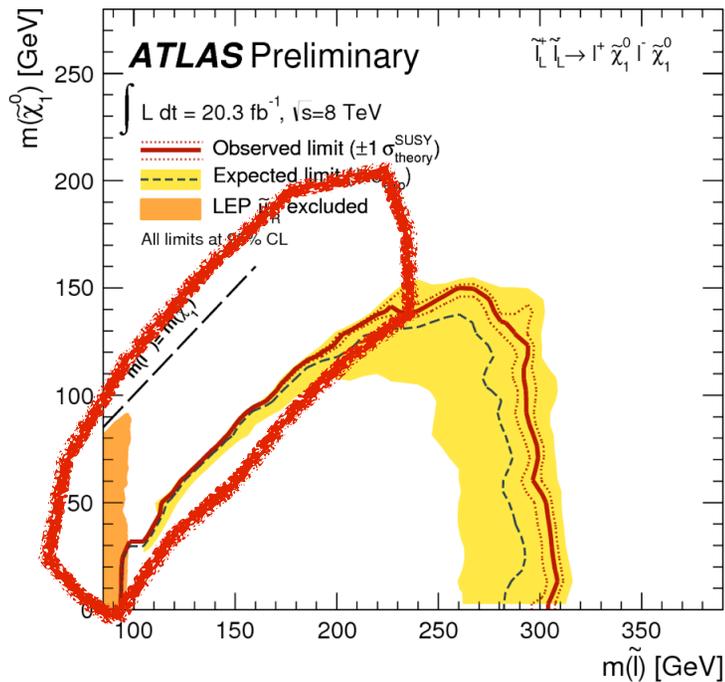


WW Cross Section

- Even if BSM explanations don't pan out, we should be using the WW cross section measurement to **set new exclusions on these BSM scenarios!**

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Fill gaps in BSM searches



Top Pair Production

Stops hiding on top of tops

- Well known blind spot when looking for SUSY stops: what if stop mass = top mass, and stop decays look like top decays?
- Stop cross section is much smaller than top cross section (0.15 x), difficult to detect the excess.
- Experimental uncertainty of top cross section measurement is $\sim 5\%$ (systematics dominated)
- Recent progress in NNLO+NNLL calculations reduced theoretical uncertainties to be \sim exp uncertainties:

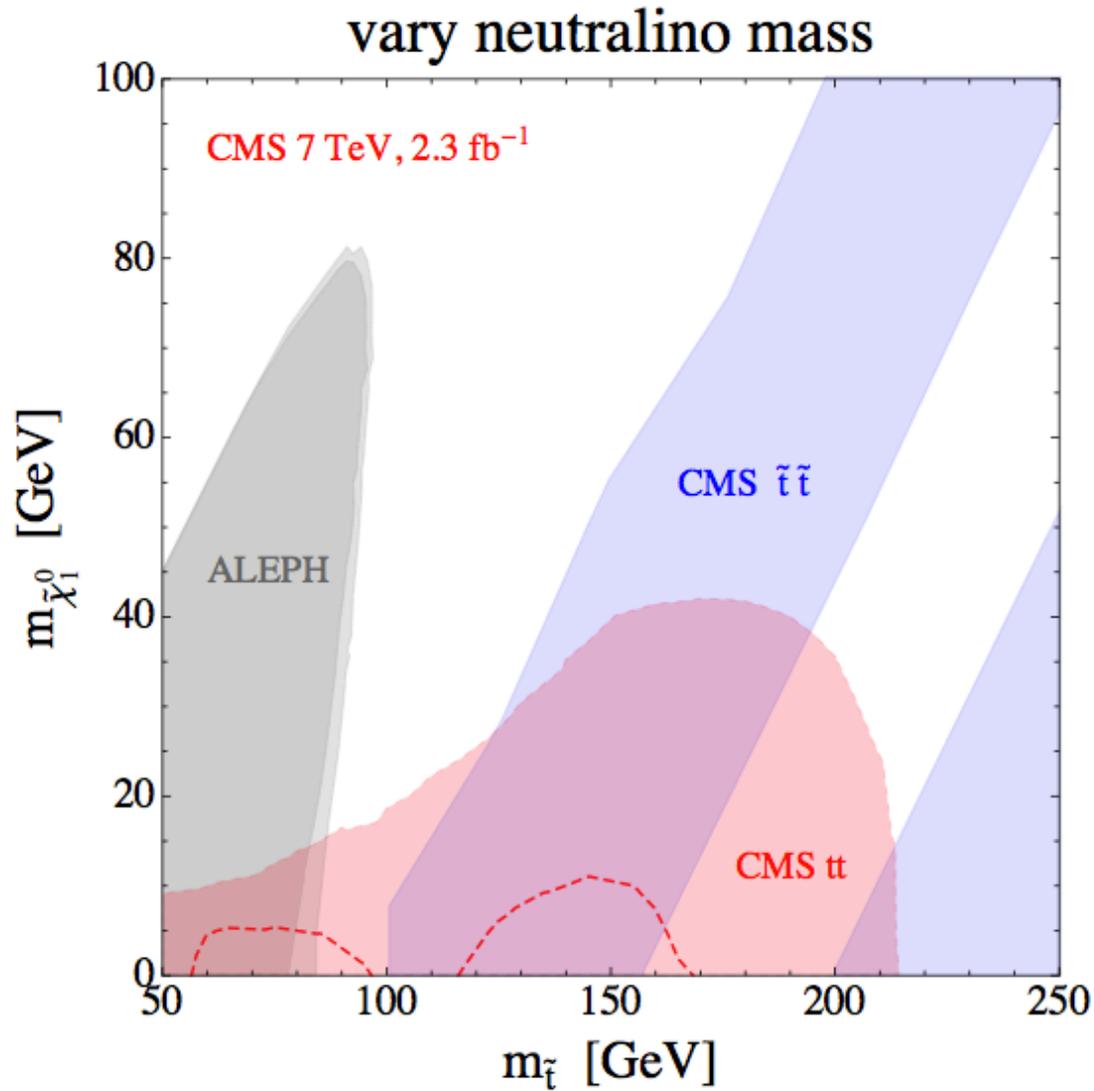
$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{LHC7} = 172_{-5.8}^{+4.4}(\text{scale})_{-4.8}^{+4.7}(\text{pdf}) \text{ pb for } m_t = 173.3 \text{ GeV}$$

Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov, 1303.6254
Czakon, Mitov 1112.5675

- It is now feasible to use top cross section measurement to start excluding stealth stop models!

Czakon, Mitov, Papucci,
Rudermann, Weiler 1407.1043

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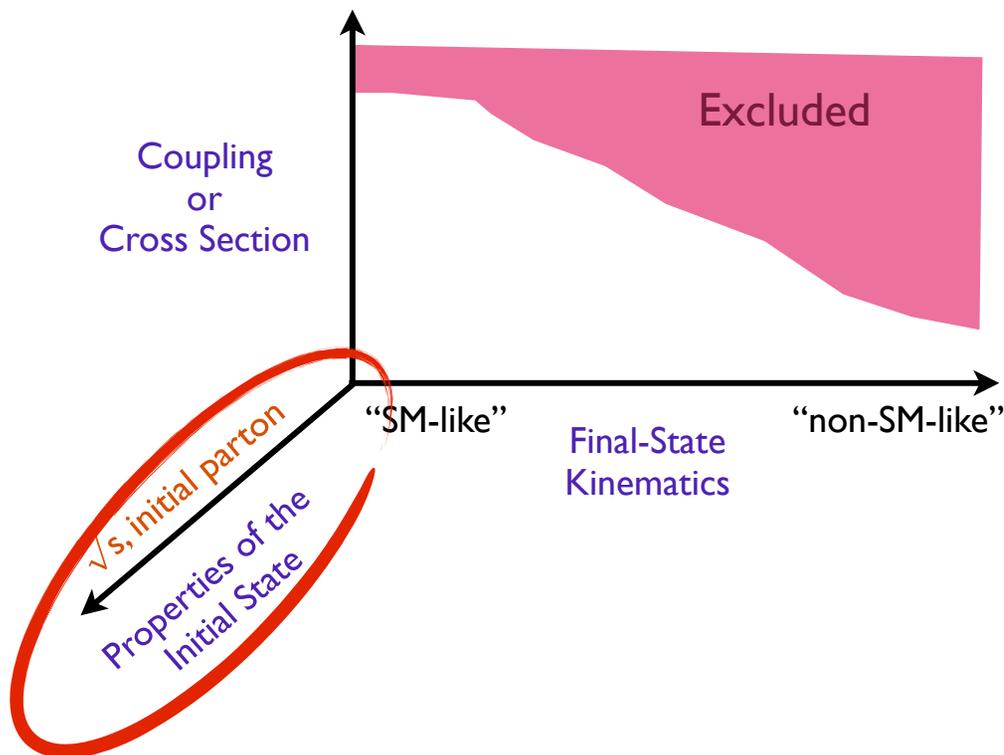
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These two examples looked at *absolute* SM vs BSM differential cross section predictions at (essentially) a single center-of-mass energy.

Hopefully, these particular BSM possibilities will be discovered or ruled out by the time we build a 100 TeV collider, but the general issue will remain.

It's possible to improve on this approach by exploiting data from collisions at different energies.

Exploiting Initial State Dependence



Precision could mean everything

- Previous examples already demonstrated: finding BSM in SM measurements requires **very precise theory predictions** and **small systematic errors** in the measurement.

Finding ways to reduce large theory uncertainties (PDF, scale) and experimental systematics (luminosity, ??) is crucial!

- It is very well-known that **ratios of observables** can be used to reduce many correlated uncertainties.
⇒ e.g. an official experimental measurement of $\sigma(WW)/\sigma(ZZ)$ could be very interesting...

Hadronic collision data at
 $\sqrt{s} = 8, 14, ???, 100$ TeV

Mangano, Rojo
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suggests new approach to both of these issues

Exploiting \sqrt{s} -dependence

Focus on two highlights from Mangano, Rojo | 206.3557

Reducing PDF uncertainty

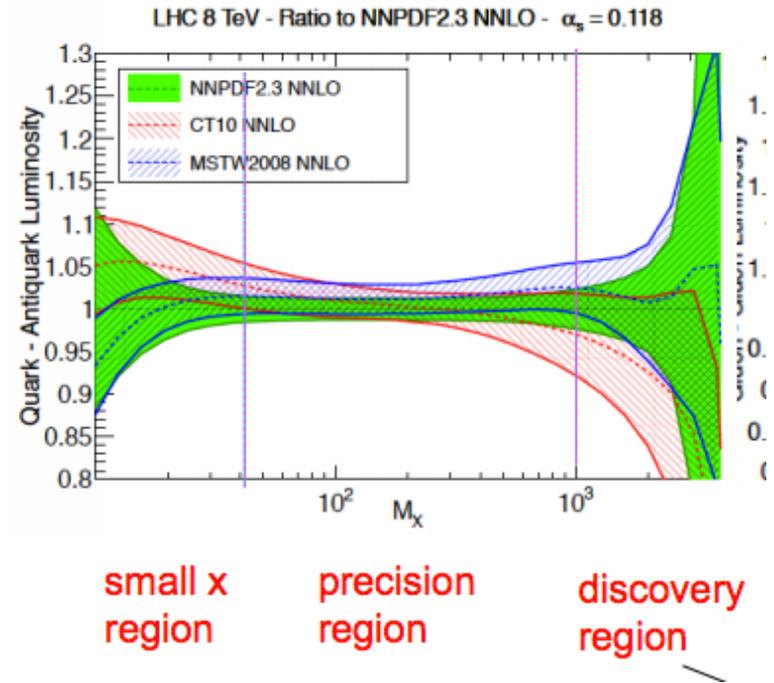
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Reducing PDF uncertainty

- Already, our PDF fits are ‘stretched thin’ in some LHC analyses, providing a dominant source of error, especially at large x/Mx for BSM analyses.

From Joey
Huston's Talk
this morning

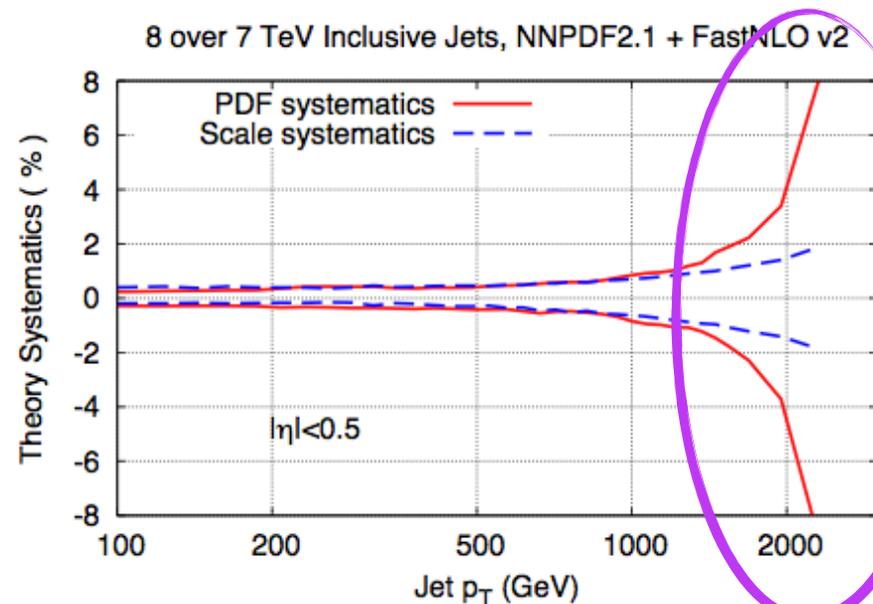


- This will be an even bigger issue at a 100 TeV collider (especially anticipating theoretical progress over the next 20 years, which will likely reduce other theory uncertainties)

Exploiting \sqrt{s} -dependence

Reducing PDF uncertainty

- Top pair production is mostly gluon-initiated. At high $t\bar{t}$ masses, the $\sigma(t\bar{t}, 8 \text{ TeV})/\sigma(t\bar{t}, 7 \text{ TeV})$ or 8/14 ratio is highly sensitive to gluon PDF at high x .
- Similarly high p_T jet production probes high x quark PDF



This is a
good thing!

Exploiting \sqrt{s} -dependence

Detecting BSM in SM cross section measurements

- Very simple idea.

1. Different parton luminosities grow at different rates with energy

roughly speaking, how many gluons vs quarks vs ... smash together for a 'parton-blind' process

2. SM and BSM processes with difficult-to-distinguish final states can be dominantly produced by different parton collisions.

This actually captures much of the energy-dependence of BSM searches, see **Collider Reach** Tool (Gavin Salam, Andi Weiler)

- This can serve to amplify the difference in energy-dependence of the parton-level SM vs BSM processes themselves.

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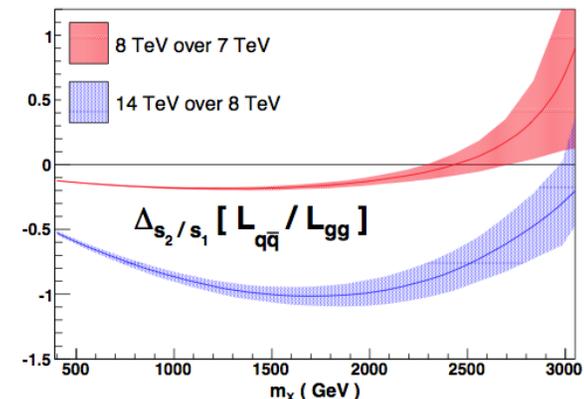
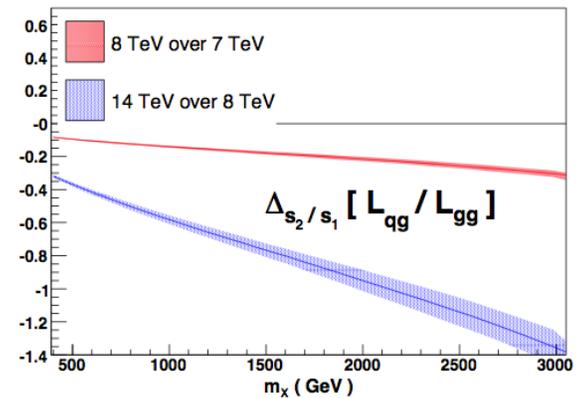
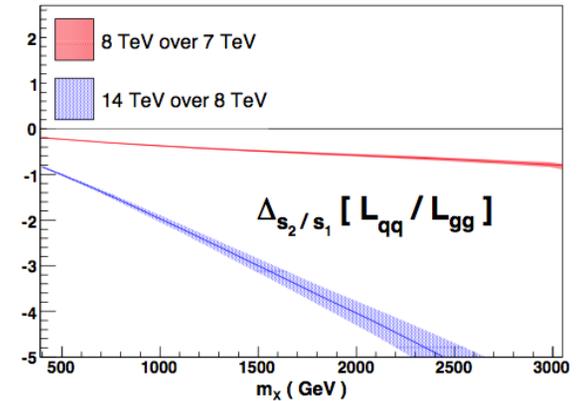
- Simple example: high mass $t\bar{t}$ production

SM contribution: $t\bar{t}$ (gluon-gluon dominated)

possible BSM contribution: Z' (qq dominated), but could look for other things (that are not gg dominated)

- Differences in parton luminosity energy scaling act as a 'sensitivity multiplier'

$$\frac{\sigma_X^{\text{BSM}}(E_1)}{\sigma_X^{\text{SM}}(E_1)} \times \Delta_{E_1/E_2} \left[\frac{\sigma_X^{\text{BSM}}}{\sigma_X^{\text{SM}}} \right] > \delta_{TH} \equiv \frac{\delta R_{E_1/E_2}^{\text{SM}}}{R_{E_1/E_2}^{\text{SM}}}$$



Exploiting \sqrt{s} -dependence

Both of these approaches will be very powerful when spanning collision energies from 8 to 100 TeV.

Might even motivated staggered data-taking, e.g.
30, 70, 100 TeV
to improve PDFs and achieve high BSM sensitivity?

Almost Lunch Time!

Final Thoughts

- Does a SM vs BSM separation in our experimental approach even make sense? Does it cause us to miss well-motivated BSM models that are 'next door' in parameter space?
- If we find nothing at the LHC, precision measurements will be an important *raison d'être* for future colliders (think EWPT @ LEP!). Refining those approaches will be crucial for finding or excluding BSM.
- It is very easy to plausibly hide BSM in SM!
- There are many unexploited approaches for constraining BSM in SM, and theoretical predictions will only become more precise.
- Release measurements of ratios! Even if theoretical uncertainties are still big, experimental uncertainties will be smaller, and theoretical uncertainties will shrink eventually...